

On page 4, line 16, change "a" to --an--;

On page 4, line 17, delete the comma after "lines";

On page 4, line 18, change "stress-reducing" (both occurrences) to --stress-reducing--;

On page 5, line 9, change "via" to --aperture--;

On page 5, line 25, change "via" to --aperture--;

On page 6, line 15, change the comma after " μm " to a period;

On page 9, line 3, insert a hyphen between "stress" and "reducing";

On page 10, line 2, change "deposition," to --deposition)--;

On page 10, line 5, change "a portion" to --portions--;

On page 10, line 20, change "12" to --10--;

On page 10, line 27, after "and" change "the" to --on--;

On page 11, line 8, change "sidewalls" to --spacers--;

On page 11, line 11, delete the comma after "rates";

On page 11, line 20, change "10" to --100--;

On page 12, line 20, delete "such as" (2nd occurrence);

On page 12, line 21, insert a hyphen between "spin" and "on";

On page 13, line 8, change "conducting" to --metal-- and "conductive" to --metal--;

On page 13, line 14, change "via" to --aperture--;

On page 13, line 17, change "via" to --aperture--;

On page 14, line 5, change "conductive" to --conducting--;

On page 14, line 14, after "Preferably," insert --upper--;

On page 14, line 16, before "metal" insert --upper--;

On page 14, line 18, change "Conductive" to --Conducting--;

On page 14, line 20, change "conductive" to --conducting--;

On page 14, line 22, change "conductive" to --conducting--;

On page 14, line 23, change "conductive" to --conducting--;

On page 15, line 1, delete the comma before "variant" and insert a comma after "variant";

On page 29, line 6, change "base" to --foundation--;

On page 29, line 8, delete the comma after "structure";